

# THE FALCON FLYER

February 7, 2011

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Dear Floral Street School Families,

Friday at All-School Meeting, we launched our shared book discussion that we wrote about last week. All classes in the school will be reading *Don't Laugh at Me* over the next couple of weeks as part of our anti-bullying efforts, and last week we had a real treat as a small band of teachers and staff members performed a song based on that book. We'd like to thank the members of our "Don't Laugh at Me" ensemble: **Tracy DeBlois, Ken Avery, Robert Wilson, Barbara Andreano, Amy Smith, Heather Wojcik, and David Poe**. The song's message was one of acceptance, respect, and kindness towards ALL, and it shone through in this powerful performance.

We look forward to the classroom and school-wide conversations that will unfold over the next couple of weeks related to the story's message - helping our students to strengthen their skills using empathy and assertion to ensure they are doing their part in building a respectful, caring school community where all learners feel safe and respected **for who they are**.

We'd also like to thank those of you who responded to last week's question from School Council. If you missed it, we're working on a communication tool that will provide opportunity to answer some of those frequently asked questions that parents have, described this way in last week's Falcon Flyer:

These questions involve everything from the nature of reading instruction, to the rationale for homework, to how science is integrated into elementary curriculum, to how recesses are scheduled. One thing we know for certain is that when one person has a question, there are likely others who have the same one, especially in a community as large as ours.

If you missed it last week, the link to submit an idea or question is below – we appreciate your help!

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/D33R9GB>

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## **PTO Notes:**

### **Box Tops Contest – Winning Class to get a Pizza Party**

The PTO is collecting box tops and the class that sends in the most box tops by Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> will win a pizza party with Mr. Curtis and Mrs. McCubrey. Coupons must be submitted in bags with the teachers name on it to receive proper credit. Last year we received \$1651 for the coupons we collected! If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Flynn at [kathcf@townisp.com](mailto:kathcf@townisp.com).

**Literacy Night – SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Floral Street School will be hosting Literacy Night on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Please help us out by donating any gently used or new books to the book swap. We especially need books for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade level. There will be bins set up in the school lobby labeled “Book Swap” beginning Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Any questions please email Maureen Harrington at [harringtonjm@verizon.net](mailto:harringtonjm@verizon.net). Thanks so much for your help!

#### **Yankee Candle Fundraiser**

The PTO will be conducting its Yankee Candle Spring fundraising project from February 7<sup>th</sup> to February 18<sup>th</sup>. Flyers will be coming home today. Yankee candles make great Mother’s Day gifts and we earn 40% profit on everything sold! Please contact Teri Blum with any questions at [Blum@townisp.com](mailto:Blum@townisp.com) or (508) 841-9955.

**The Elementary Lunch Menu** can be found at any time at:

<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/departments/division.php?fDD=20-17>

#### **Important Dates**

February 21-25

No School – Presidents’ Day & Winter Vacation

#### **MCAS Dates:**

March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Long Composition – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

ELA – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

March 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

ELA – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

Math – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

May 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

Math – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

The full district school calendar is available at:

[http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/egov/docs/1276871197\\_585906.pdf](http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/egov/docs/1276871197_585906.pdf)